

Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee – Inaugural Meeting

Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Kollette Clark, Sara Corwin (substituting for Miller), Alan Decho, Katherine DeVivo, Daniela Friedman, James Hardin (co-chair), Lucy Ingram, Lee Pearson (co-chair), Julie Smithwick, Adam Sokol, Toni Torres-McGehee, Megan Weis

Excused: Bridget Miller

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Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:00 and welcomed the members of the steering committee. He shared that he had met with each member individually in advance of the first meeting so that they would understand their unique role and the overall expectations of the committee. Each committee member then offered introductions, and Dr. Hardin offered a charge to the committee on behalf of the dean.

Dr. Pearson provided a detailed overview of the timeline for the school's reaccreditation process, which will culminate in a CEPH site visit in October or November of 2024 (specific dates to be determined in early 2023). He reflected on the school's most recent reaccreditation in 2017 and then drew distinctions regarding what makes the current process unique. He highlighted significant changes in the accreditation criteria that have occurred and a strong focus on the practice degree programs. He reminded the group that, for the purposes of reaccreditation, the focus of the self-study process will be on the "traditional" public health departments (which do not include COMD or EXSC). He then stated the goal of having the contents of the self-study report compiled by the end of 2023, allowing time for editing and refining of the document prior to the May 2024 submission of the preliminary report.

Dr. Pearson shared that the work of the steering committee would be conducted through various subcommittees and that two had already been established focusing on the MPH and undergraduate programs. He then asked Dr. Ingram, MPH subcommittee chair, to offer input on the charge to her group. He also asked Dr. Corwin, former AD for undergraduate affairs, to offer her perspective on the previous accreditation process as it pertained to the undergraduate programs (which elected to comply with the recently revised criteria available at that time).

There was then discussion among the steering committee members regarding the overall accreditation process and the unique considerations for the Arnold School. The committee members were advised that the next meeting of the group would occur in February (date TBD). The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.